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SUBJECT: SPACE COOPERATION - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
LAUNCHING SERVICES

1. SCIOFF HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM STA OFFICIAL AS TO NEED
FOR EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO BRING SUBJECT MOU INTO EFFECT,
AS CONTEMPLATED BY ARTICLE VII OF US DRAFT. STA IS WELL AWARE
THAT THIS IS PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN CONCLUDING SIMILAR MOU'S
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT HAS MADE INQUIRY NEVERTHELESS.

2. APPARENT REASON BEHIND INQUIRY IS STA MINISTER MORIYAMA'S
AVERSION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HIS PENCHANT FOR DOING OWN
THING. SCIOFF WAS INFORMED MORIYAMA WILL PROBABLY ATTEND IAEA
CONFERENCE IN VIENNA IN SEPTEMBER AND COULD STOP IN WASHINGTON
FOR SIGNATURE OF MOU ON WAY THERE OR RETURN.

3. SO FAR INQUIRY HAS BEEN MADE ONLY AT LOW LEVEL, AND HAS NOT
RPT NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY FONOFF, WHO UNDOUBTEDLY UNAWARE OF IT.
EMBASSY FAVORS EXCHANGE OF NOTES BRINGING MOU INTO EFFECT AS
CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF GOVERNMENTAL CHARACTER OF UNDERTAKING
AS WELL AS ITS IMPORTANCE, BUT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER PROCEDURE IS
BASED ON LEGAL REQUIREMENT, OR RATHER ON POLICY AND PAST
PRACTICE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND ON BASIS OF
REQUIREMENT AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE WOULD INSIST
ON EXCHANGE IF GOJ REQUESTS ITS OMISSION.

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